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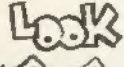
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ATTENTION, I'D LIKE
TO EXPLAIN: THE
WORD "CLEAR LAKE"
USED BY ITSELF IS TWO
WORDS, BUT WHEN USED
WITH A PROPER NOUN-BECOMES ONE.

Publishers Page



WELCOME TO MY "MINDS EYE." THE PAGES YOU ARE ABOUT TO EXPERIENCE ARE A COLLECTION OF DRAWINGS DONE FROM WHAT I

SEE IN MY DAY TO DAY LIFE, COMBINED WITH MY CRAZED IMAGINATION. THE CONCEPT IS IN 4 SEPARATE STORY BOARDS, WHICH EVENTUALLY (NOT IN THIS EDITION) — WILL ENTANGLE & BECOME ONE.

THE IDEA OF A CREATURE IN CLEARLAKE WAS FIRST SPAWNED BY THE PROMOTOR OF THIS COMIC BOOK — MY CLOSE PAL AND PARTNER IN THIS VENTURE — BARRY CUNNINGHAM. THREE YEARS PAST FROM THE 1ST TIME BARRY ASKED ME TO CONJURE UP SOME KIND OF CREATURE — 'TIL THE FIRST INITIAL T-SHIRT DESIGN WAS COMPLETED — THE POSITIVE RESPONSE FROM THIS TRIAL EXPERIMENT WAS THE VERY BEGINNING OF "CLEARLAKE COMIX."

AFTER WE BOTH AGREED THAT THE CREATURE WAS TO BE A POSITIVE ENTITY — BARRY TURNED ME LOOSE ON THE SCRIPT & ART!

REMEMBER — THIS IS ONLY THE BEGINNING —...
Bill Leach

WELCOME COMIC BOOK FANS TO LAKE CO.'S 1ST & ONLY COMIC BOOK, "CLEARLAKE COMIX."

I'VE FOUND THAT SATIRE IS THE MAIN ELEMENT THAT CAN BRING ATTENTION TO JUST ABOUT ANY SUBJECT, AND THAT IS WHY I CHOSE MY GOOD FRIEND — BILL LEACH, WHOSE ART TALENT & CRAZY SENSE OF HUMOR MAKES "CLEARLAKE COMIX" COME ALIVE, FOR YOU TO READ & ENJOY!

I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE SPECIAL THANKS TO MY WIFE LINDA FOR HER PATIENCE & SUPPORT THROUGH THE MANY MONTHS PAST. AND ALSO A BIG HAND TO THE NEWS MEDIA FOR THEIR INTEREST & SUPPORT. RADIO STATIONS: KBLC — KUKI — KFME — KWNE, & NEWSPAPERS: LAKE CO. RECORD BEE, THE LAKE SUN & LAST BUT NOT LEAST, "THE CLEARLAKE OBSERVER" WHO IS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FINE QUALITY PRINTING OF THIS PUBLICATION! ALSO A BIG THANKS TO ALL THE OTHER PEOPLE (YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE) THAT HELPED US MAKE "CLEARLAKE COMIX" POSSIBLE!

HAPPY READING

Barry Cunningham

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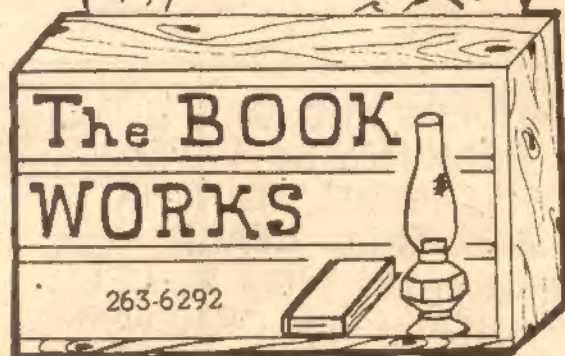
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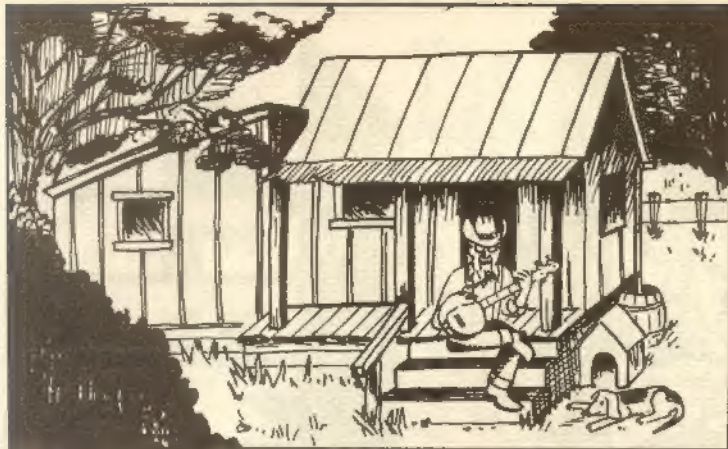
LEGENDS OF THE CREATURE!



WELL, AS YOU PROBABLY REALIZED BY THE TITLE, THE NEXT PAGES ALL CONSIST OF VARIOUS LEGENDS & STORIES ABOUT THE FAMOUS "CREATURE FROM CLEARLAKE."

THE CREATURE HAS BEEN KNOWN TO MAKE RARE, SHORT APPEARANCES, THEN QUICKLY SUBMERGES. THIS EARLY 1900'S SETTING IN LAKEPORT IS A TYPICAL EXAMPLE. ONLY A FEW HAVE SEEN IT, AND I'M ONE! OR MY NAME ISN'T

Zeke Trimbals



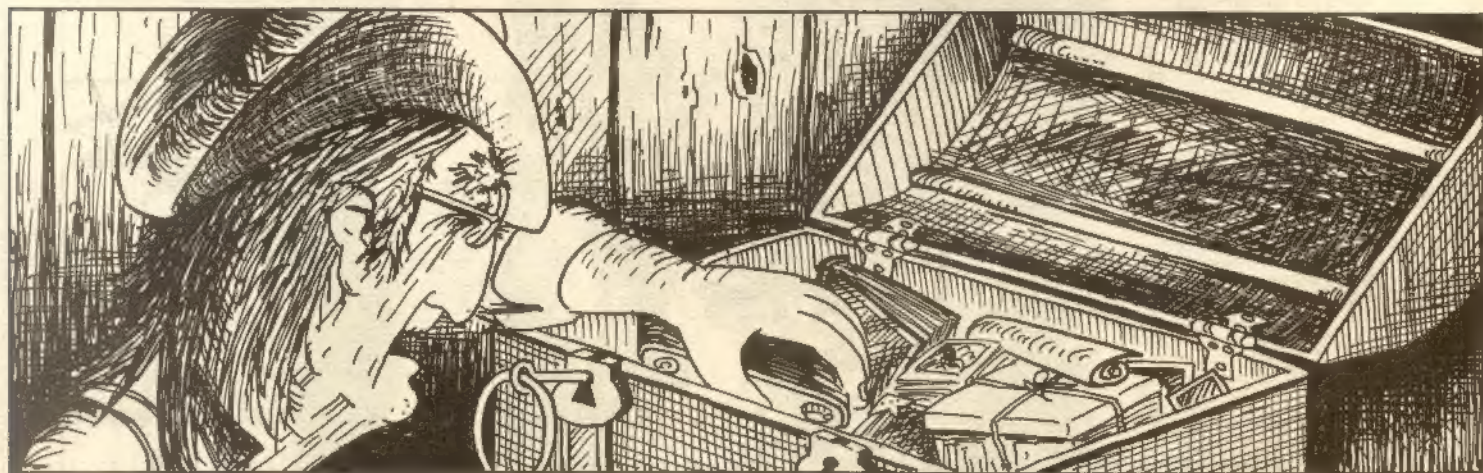
HOWDY FOLKS, WELCOME TO MY HOMESTEAD. IF YOU'VE GOT A SPARE MINUTE I'D LIKE TO TELL YOU A FEW THINGS.

LET ME SEE, I HARDLY KNOW WHERE TO BEGIN. IT'S BEEN SO LONG, MAYBE WE SHOULD GET OUT SOME OF MY OLD PICTURES.



LET'S GO OUT IN THE BARN, I BELIEVE I PACKED ALL THE OLD PHOTOS AWAY WHEN THE CREATURE VANISHED BACK IN '57.

HERE'S THE TRUNK, RIGHT WHERE I LEFT IT. HANG ON WHILE I FIND THE RIGHT KEY. THIS MUST BE THE ONE.

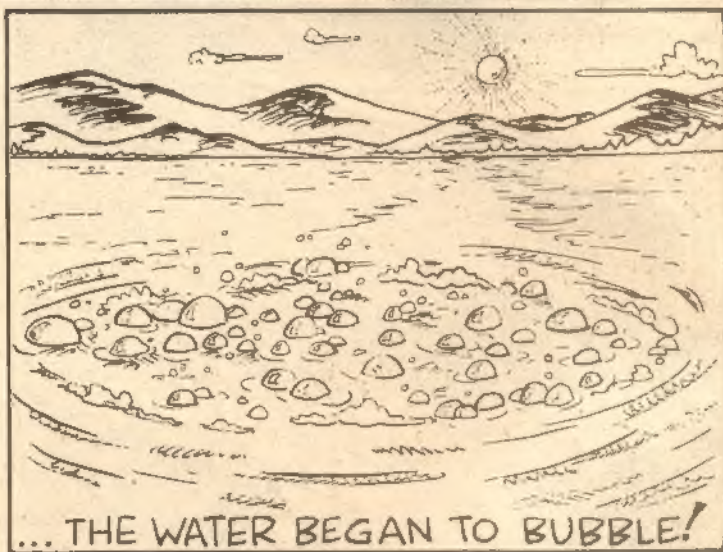
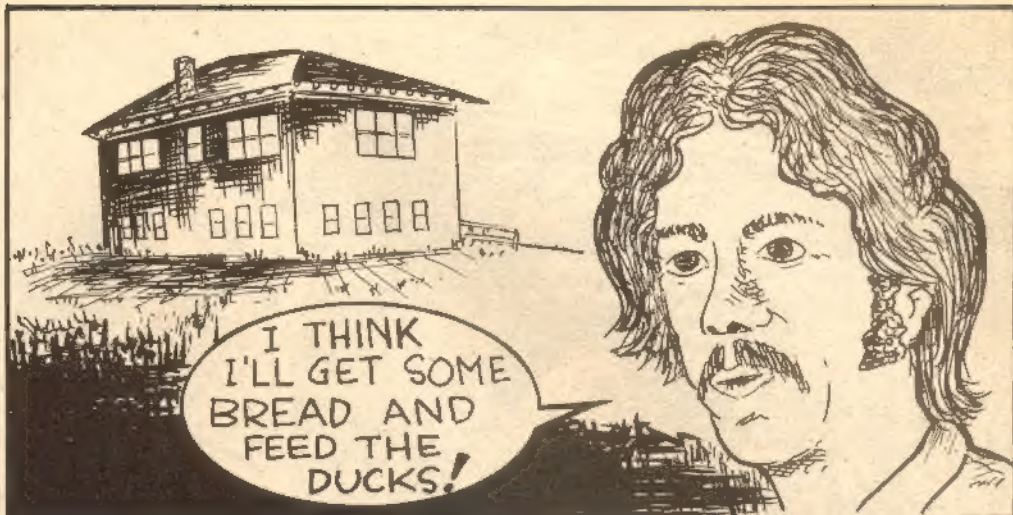


YEP! JUST LIKE I REMBERED, HERE'S MY CAMERA AND....

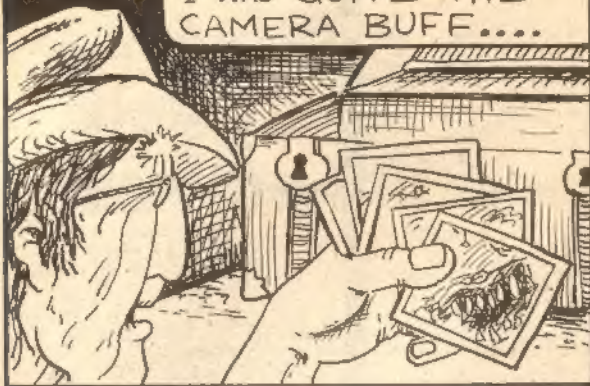


.... WILL YOU
LOOK AT ALL THESE
OLD PHOTOS. BYGUM
THEY BRING BACK ALOT
OF MEMORIES. I CAN
STILL REMEMER THE FIRST
TIME I SAW THE CREATURE,
INFACIT IT WAS THE SAME DAY.
MY PICTURE WAS TAKEN INFRONT
OF THE OLD COURTHOUSE IN
LAKEPORT^(UPPER)_(LEFT) AND I GOT MY
NAME IN THE LOCAL PAPER.
BOY, WHAT A DAY THAT
WAS! WHEN I THINK BACK....

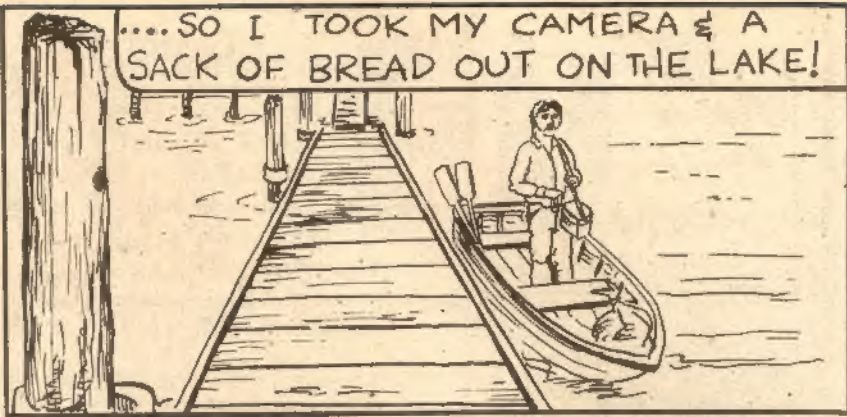
.... IT WAS A NICE
DAY BACK IN 1933.
I WAS A DAPPER
YOUNG MAN IN
THOSE DAYS. I
HAD DECIDED TO
WALK DOWN TO
THE LAKE. ONCE
AT LIBRARY PARK
I HAD AN IDEA!



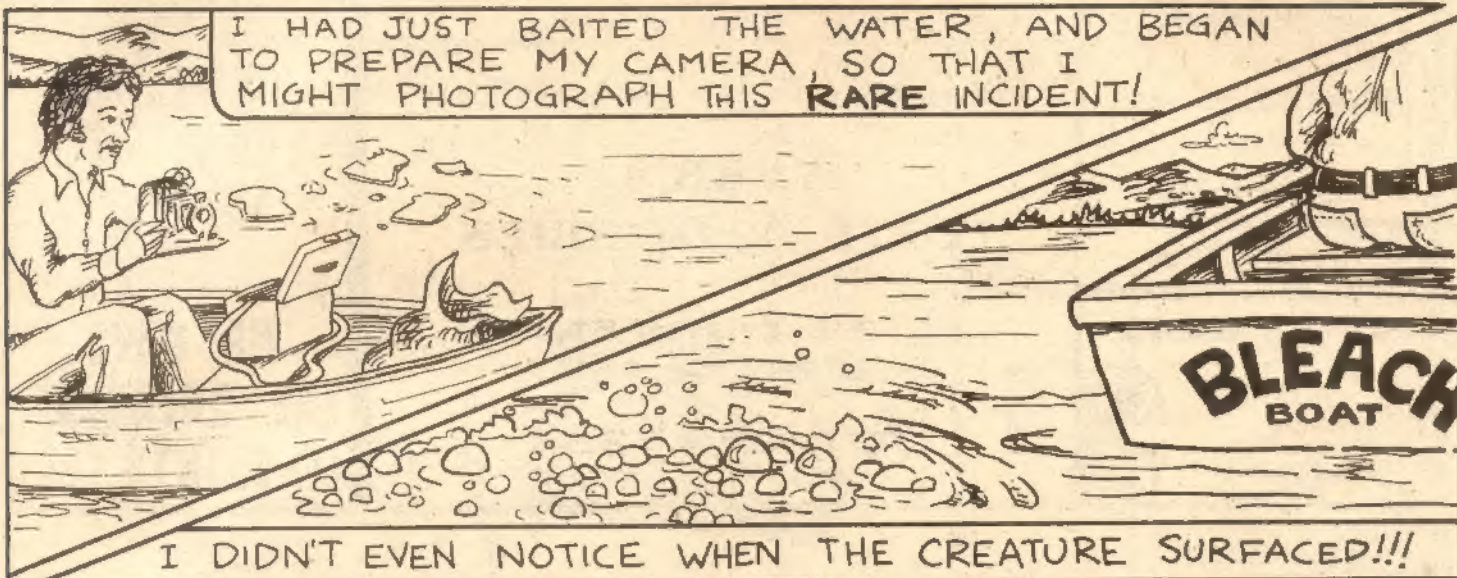
I WAS QUITE THE
CAMERA BUFF....



....SO I TOOK MY CAMERA & A
SACK OF BREAD OUT ON THE LAKE!

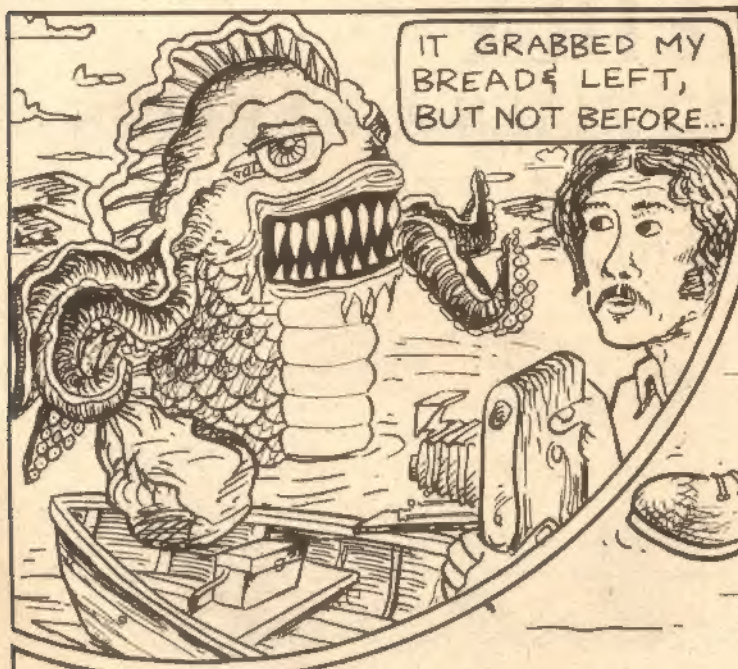


I HAD JUST BAITED THE WATER, AND BEGAN
TO PREPARE MY CAMERA, SO THAT I
MIGHT PHOTOGRAPH THIS **RARE INCIDENT!**



I DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE WHEN THE CREATURE SURFACED!!!

IT GRABBED MY
BREAD & LEFT,
BUT NOT BEFORE...



...I SNAPPED A FEW CANDID SHOTS!
BUT A HUGE SWELL IN HIS DEPARTURE
CAUSED ME TO TOPPLE INTO THE BOAT!



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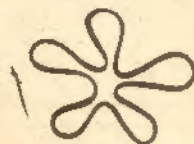
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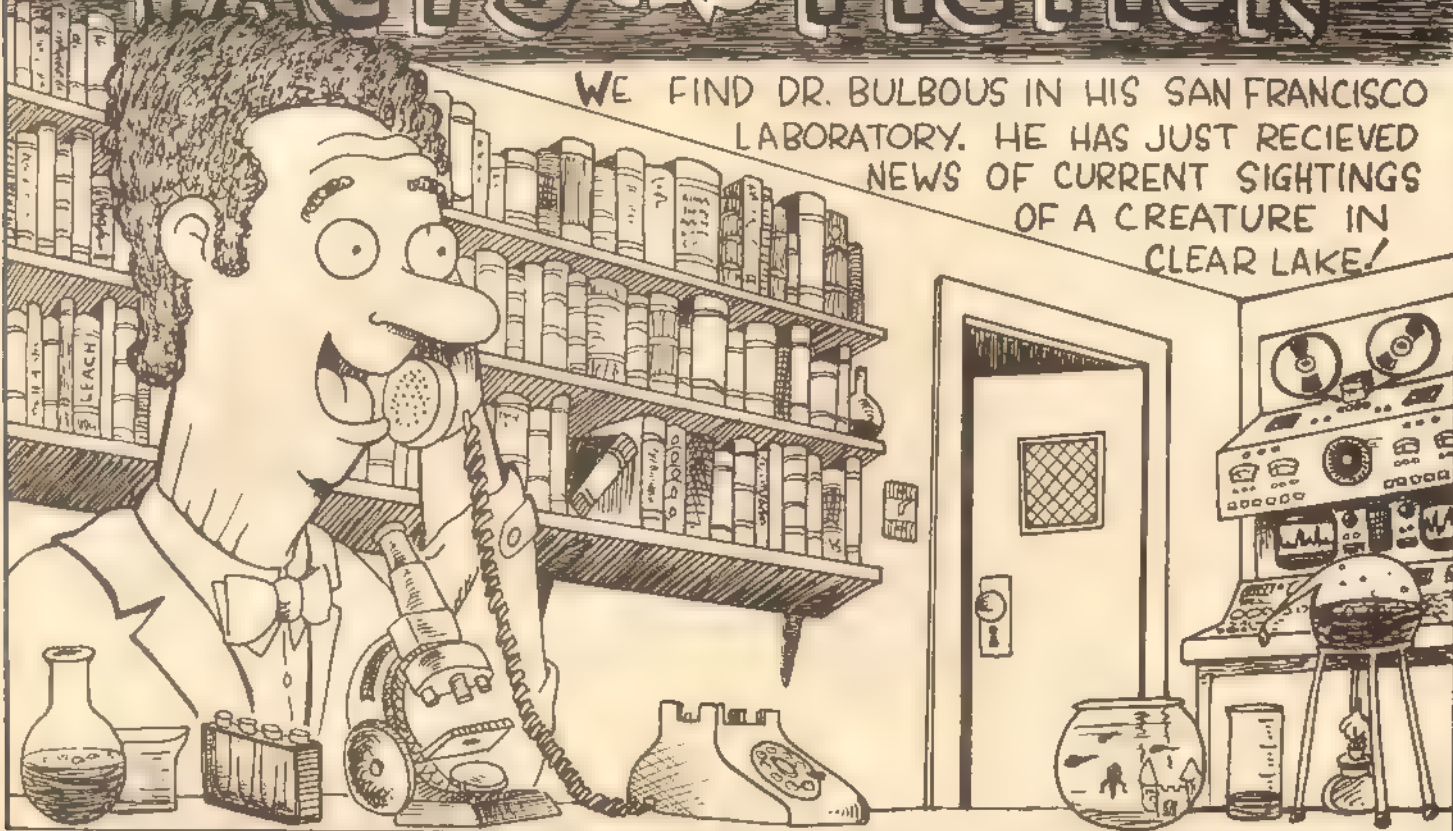


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SCIENTIFIC FACTS AND FICTION

WE FIND DR. BULBOUS IN HIS SAN FRANCISCO
LABORATORY. HE HAS JUST RECIEVED
NEWS OF CURRENT SIGHTINGS
OF A CREATURE IN
CLEAR LAKE!



BEING A DEDICATED SCIENTIST, DR. BULBOUS DECIDES TO VISIT CLEAR LAKE
AND DOCUMENT THE CREATURE FROM HIS SELF-CONTAINED "MOBILE LAB."

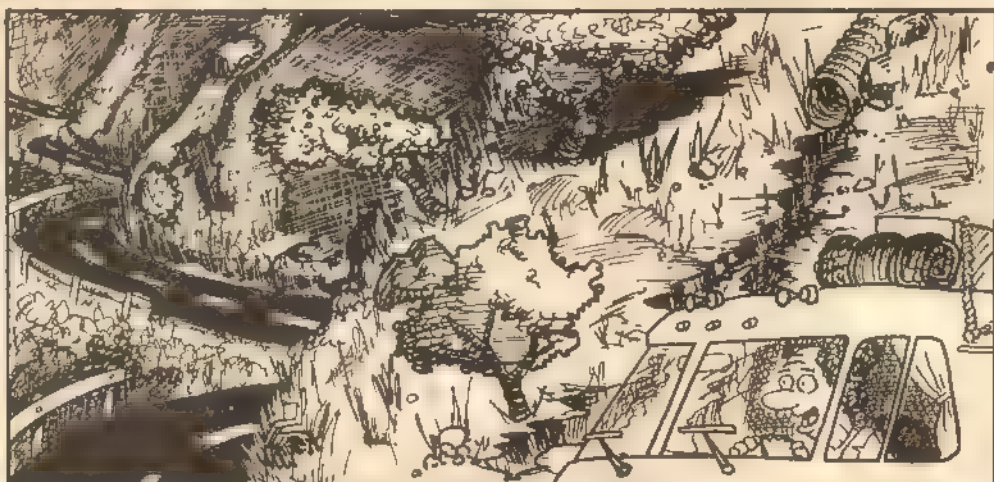
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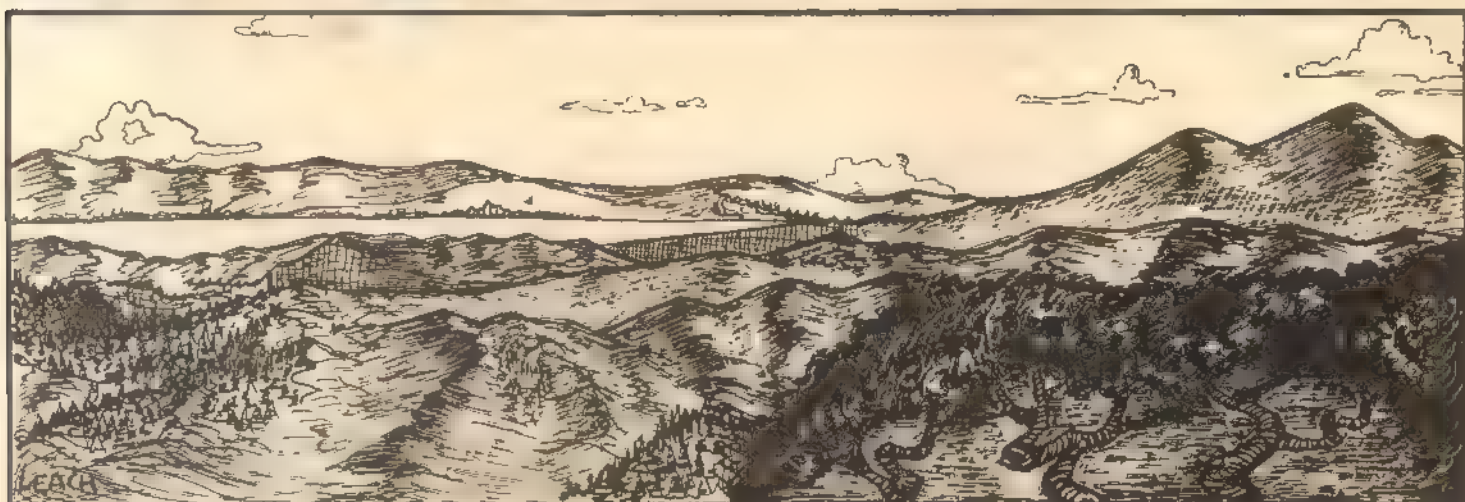


NOW THAT I'VE FOUND THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, ALL I HAVE TO DO IS FOLLOW THE "EASY-TO-READ" ROAD MAP, JUST LIKE THE ONE IN THIS PUBLICATION, & I CAN USE IT TO GET BACK HOME TOO! (F)

A FEW HOURS LATER AFTER A SCENIC DRIVE UP HWY. 101, I ARRIVE AT HOPLAND GRADE



THIS GRADE MAY SEEM ALITTLE TRICKY TO SOMEONE WHO HAS NEVER DRIVEN IT. BUT SAFE DRIVERS SHOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM.



JUST LOOK AT THAT MAGNIFICENT VIEW OF CLEAR LAKE. FROM UP HERE ATOP THE HOPLAND GRADE I CAN SEE MT. KONOCTI HIGH ABOVE THE OTHER MOUNTAINS. LET'S STOP A SEC' & DIG UP SOME REAL FACTS. (F)



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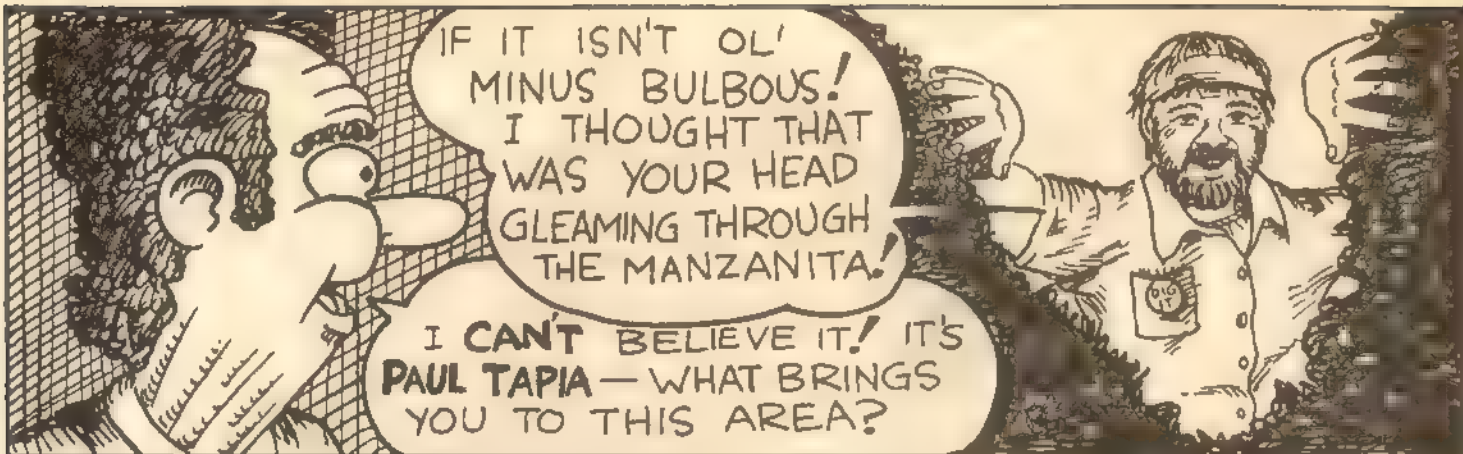
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Bill Leach 1981



IF IT ISN'T OL'
MINUS BULBOUS!
I THOUGHT THAT
WAS YOUR HEAD
GLEAMING THROUGH
THE MANZANITA!

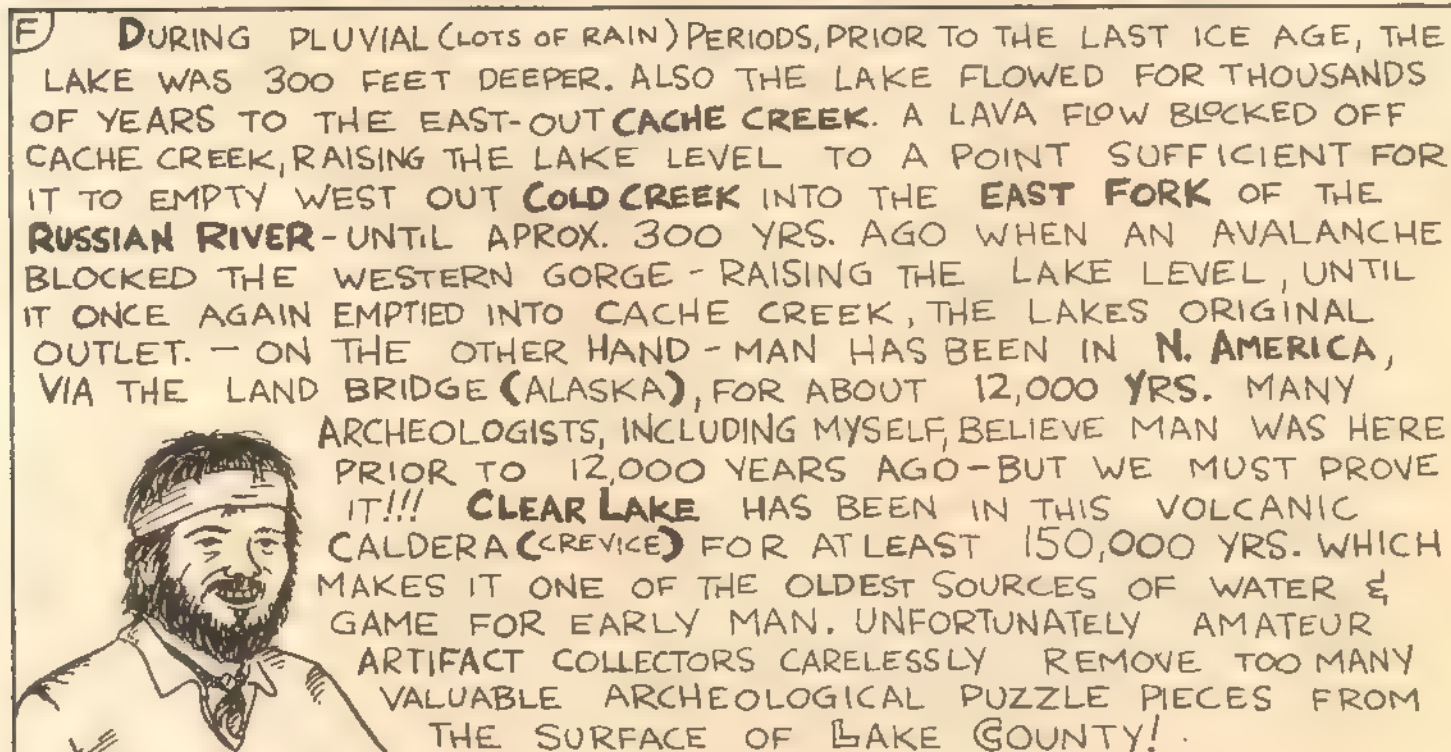
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! IT'S
PAUL TAPIA—WHAT BRINGS
YOU TO THIS AREA?

"THE NEVER ENDING SEARCH FOR A PLEISTOCENE STRATIFIED CULTURAL COMPONENT WITH CHRONOLOGICAL PROVENIENCE IN SITU. AFTER ALL—ARCHEOLOGY IS AN EXACTING SCIENCE BASED ON A SUBJECTIVE ART.



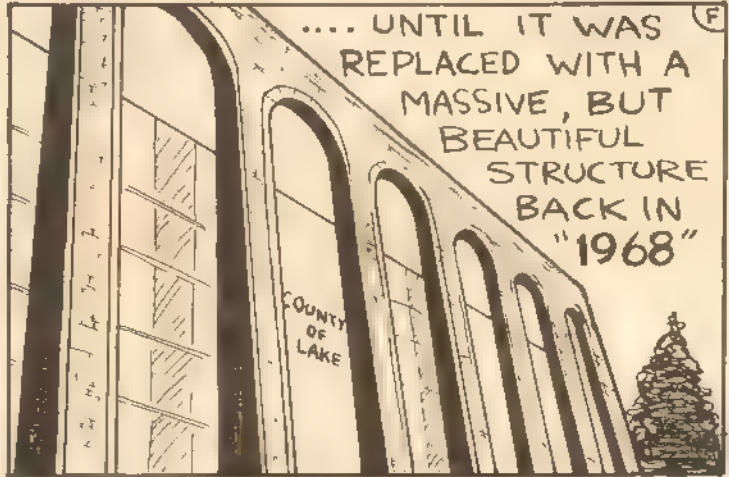
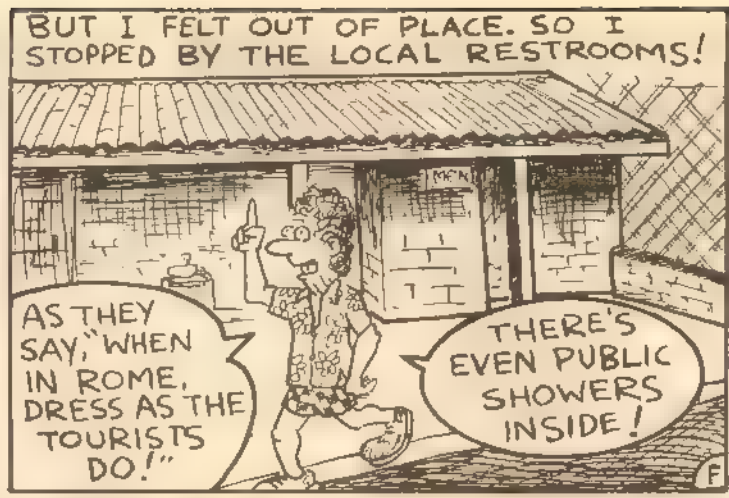
EARLY MANS CAMP-
FLUTED POINTS AND ALL,
IS SOMEWHERE IN
LAKE COUNTY. AND
I'LL FIND IT BY COVERING
EVERY INCH—FROM
BORAX LAKE TO
HERE ATOP THE
HOPLAND GRADE

ARCHEOLOGY IS LIKE WORKING
ON A HUGE JIG-SAW PUZZLE,
PIECE BY PIECE WE ARE
UNDERSTANDING MORE & MORE
ABOUT EARLY PREHISTORICAL
CIVILIZATIONS IN LAKE
COUNTY, AS WELL AS THE
LAKE ITSELF!



F DURING PLUVIAL (LOTS OF RAIN) PERIODS, PRIOR TO THE LAST ICE AGE, THE LAKE WAS 300 FEET DEEPER. ALSO THE LAKE FLOWED FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS TO THE EAST-OUT **CACHE CREEK**. A LAVA FLOW BLOCKED OFF CACHE CREEK, RAISING THE LAKE LEVEL TO A POINT SUFFICIENT FOR IT TO EMPTY WEST OUT **COLD CREEK** INTO THE **EAST FORK** OF THE **RUSSIAN RIVER**—UNTIL APROX. 300 YRS. AGO WHEN AN AVALANCHE BLOCKED THE WESTERN GORGE—RAISING THE LAKE LEVEL, UNTIL IT ONCE AGAIN EMPTIED INTO CACHE CREEK, THE LAKES ORIGINAL OUTLET. — ON THE OTHER HAND—MAN HAS BEEN IN **N. AMERICA**, VIA THE LAND BRIDGE (ALASKA), FOR ABOUT 12,000 YRS. MANY ARCHEOLOGISTS, INCLUDING MYSELF, BELIEVE MAN WAS HERE PRIOR TO 12,000 YEARS AGO—BUT WE MUST PROVE IT!!! **CLEAR LAKE** HAS BEEN IN THIS VOLCANIC CALDERA (CREVICE) FOR AT LEAST 150,000 YRS. WHICH MAKES IT ONE OF THE OLDEST SOURCES OF WATER & GAME FOR EARLY MAN. UNFORTUNATELY AMATEUR ARTIFACT COLLECTORS CARELESSLY REMOVE TOO MANY VALUABLE ARCHEOLOGICAL PUZZLE PIECES FROM THE SURFACE OF LAKE COUNTY!

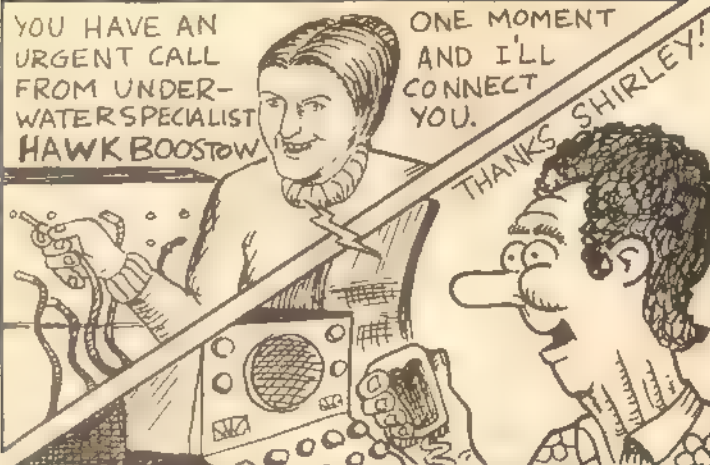
I THANKED PAUL FOR HIS "TOUCH OF WISDOM", HE WENT BACK TO HIS DIG AND I PROCEED TO DRIVE INTO LAKEPORT. ONCE THERE....



AFTER ACCUMULATING AN ABUNDANT AMOUNT OF INFORMATION, I DECIDED THE ONLY WAY FOR ME TO DOCUMENT THE CREATURE THAT LURKED THE DEPTHS OF CLEAR LAKE WAS TO ACTUALLY CAMP OUT ON "WINDMILL ISLAND"-A DESERTED PIECE OF LAND OFF THE LAKES SOUTH SHORE, EXTREMELY CLOSE TO THE ONE AND ONLY "GACHE GREEK OUTLET." LATER ON I THOUGHT....

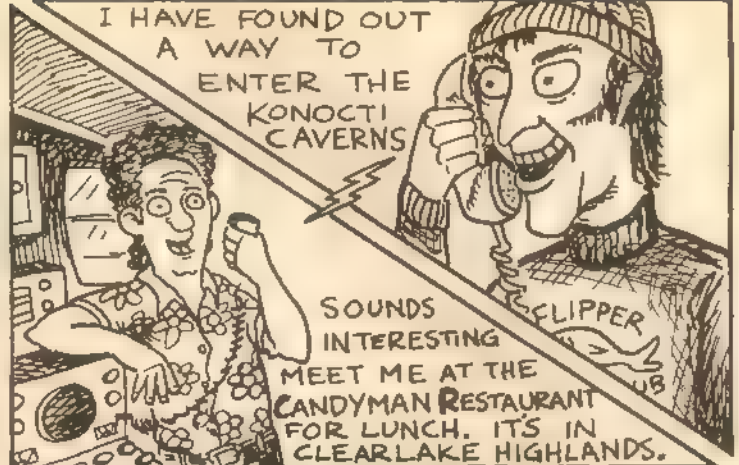






YOU HAVE AN URGENT CALL FROM UNDERWATERSPECIALIST HAWK BOOSTOW

ONE MOMENT AND I'LL CONNECT YOU.
THANKS SHIRLEY!



I HAVE FOUND OUT A WAY TO ENTER THE KONOCTI CAVERNS

SOUNDS INTERESTING
MEET ME AT THE CANDYMAN RESTAURANT FOR LUNCH. IT'S IN CLEARLAKE HIGHLANDS.

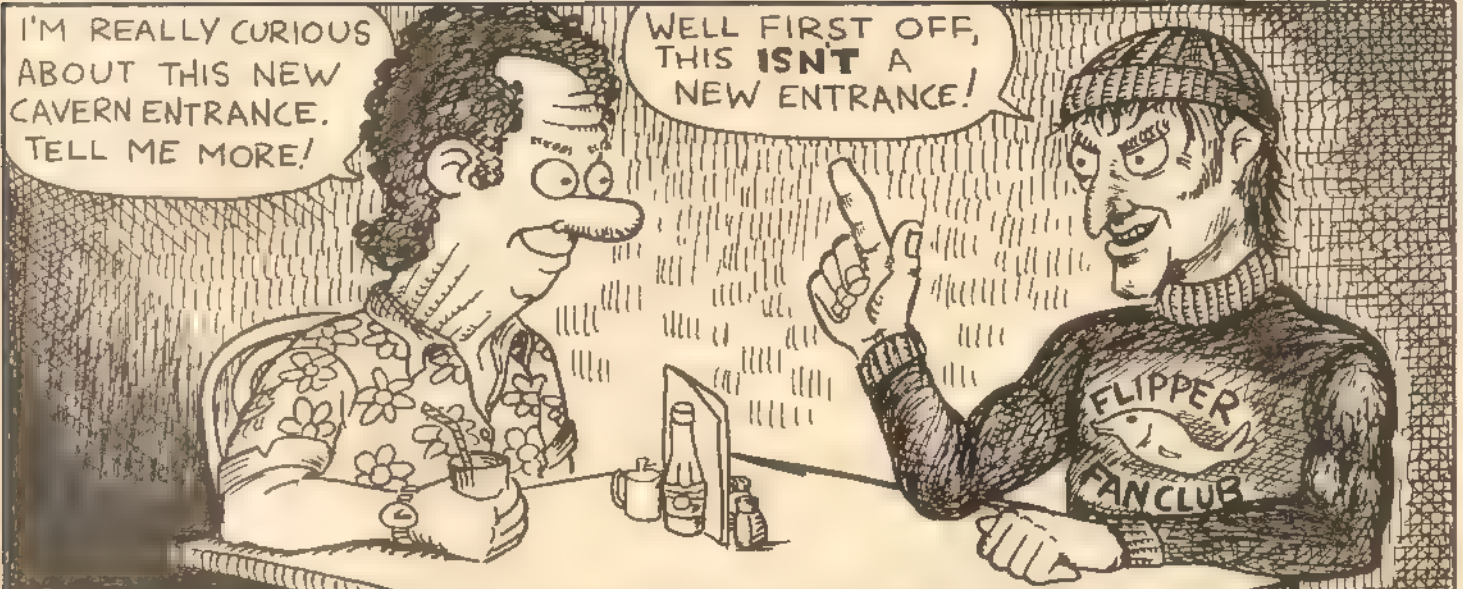


HAWK WAS WAITING IN FRONT FOR ME!



ONCE INSIDE - WE WERE GREETED BY JAKE (THE CANDYMAN) & HIS PAL JUMPIN' JOHNNY.

DININGROOM



I'M REALLY CURIOUS ABOUT THIS NEW CAVERN ENTRANCE. TELL ME MORE!

WELL FIRST OFF, THIS **ISN'T** A NEW ENTRANCE!

FLIPPER FANCLUB

THERE ARE MANY UNDERGROUND WATERWAYS BENEATH LAKE COUNTYS GEOGRAPHIC SURFACE. I HAVE BEEN TOLD OF AN ANCIENT LEGEND WHICH STATES "WHEN THE SUN RISES, A PERSON MAY ACTUALLY SEE THE MAIN CAVERN ENTRANCE GLEAM FORTH FROM BENEATH THE LAKES GLASSY SURFACE." IT ALSO TELLS OF THE VIEWING SITE, HIGH ATOP **MT. KONOCTI**. SINCE THE TOP OF THE VOLCANO IS OFF LIMITS TO THE PUBLIC - I HAVE PURCHASED A USED HOT-AIR BALLOON, SO THAT WE MIGHT CHART THE CAVERN ENTRANCE.

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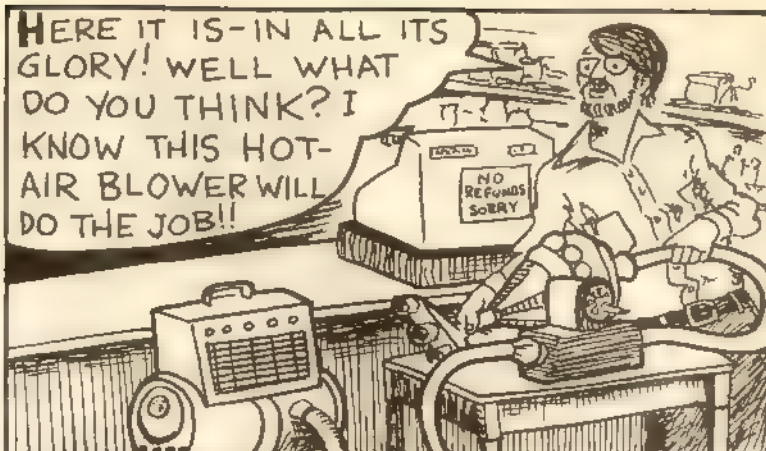
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BEFORE WE GO BACK
TO MY PLACE, LET'S
STOP IN AT NORMAN
WATSON'S FURNITURE
& TRADING POST.

HE'S BEE I AT
WORK ON
A PROJECT
FOR ME!



HERE IT IS-IN ALL ITS
GLORY! WELL WHAT
DO YOU THINK? I
KNOW THIS HOT-
AIR BLOWER WILL
DO THE JOB!!

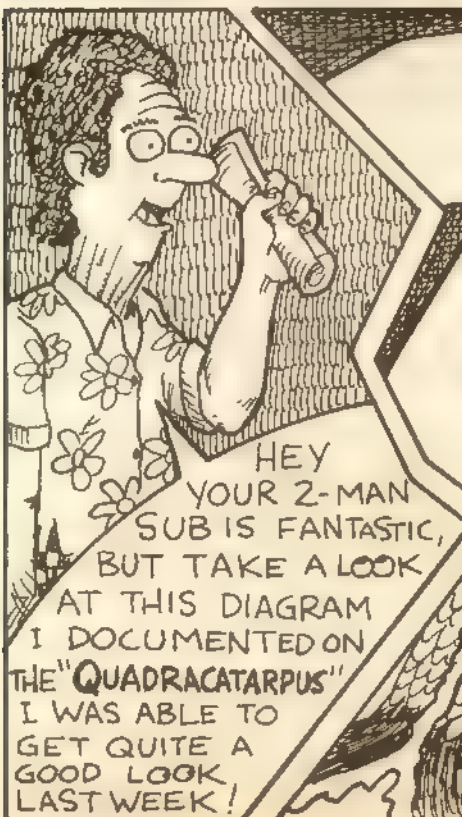
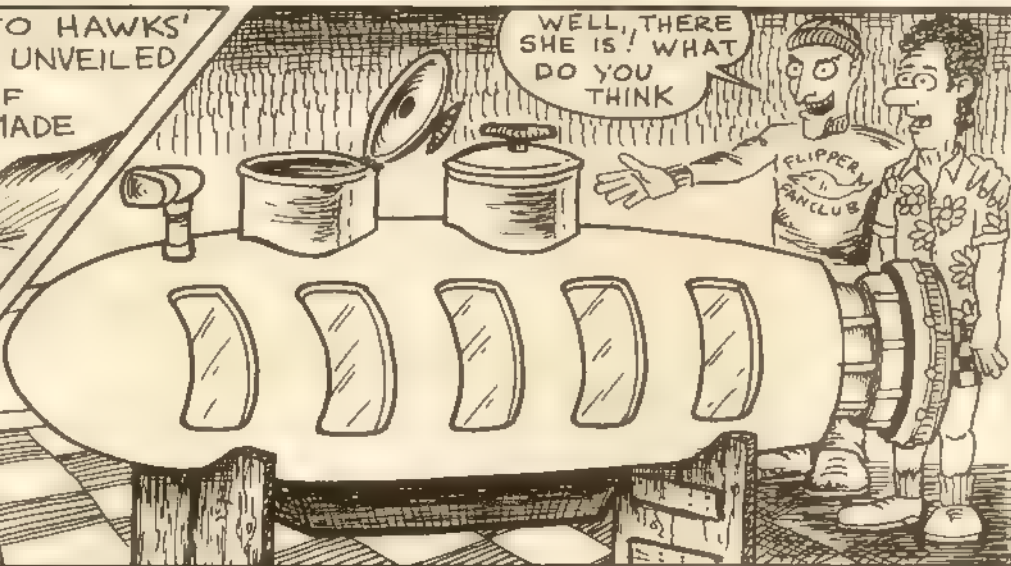


WHEN WE GOT BACK TO HAWKS'
SUMMER HID-A-WAY-HE UNVEILED
THE SECRET PIECE OF
EQUIPMENT HE HAD MADE
IN HIS SPARE
TIME.



IT WAS
EASY-I JUST
USED PARTS I
FOUND HERE
AT HOME!!

WELL, THERE
SHE IS! WHAT
DO YOU THINK



HEY
YOUR 2-MAN
SUB IS FANTASTIC,
BUT TAKE A LOOK
AT THIS DIAGRAM
I DOCUMENTED ON
THE "QUADRACATARPUS"
I WAS ABLE TO
GET QUITE A
GOOD LOOK
LAST WEEK!

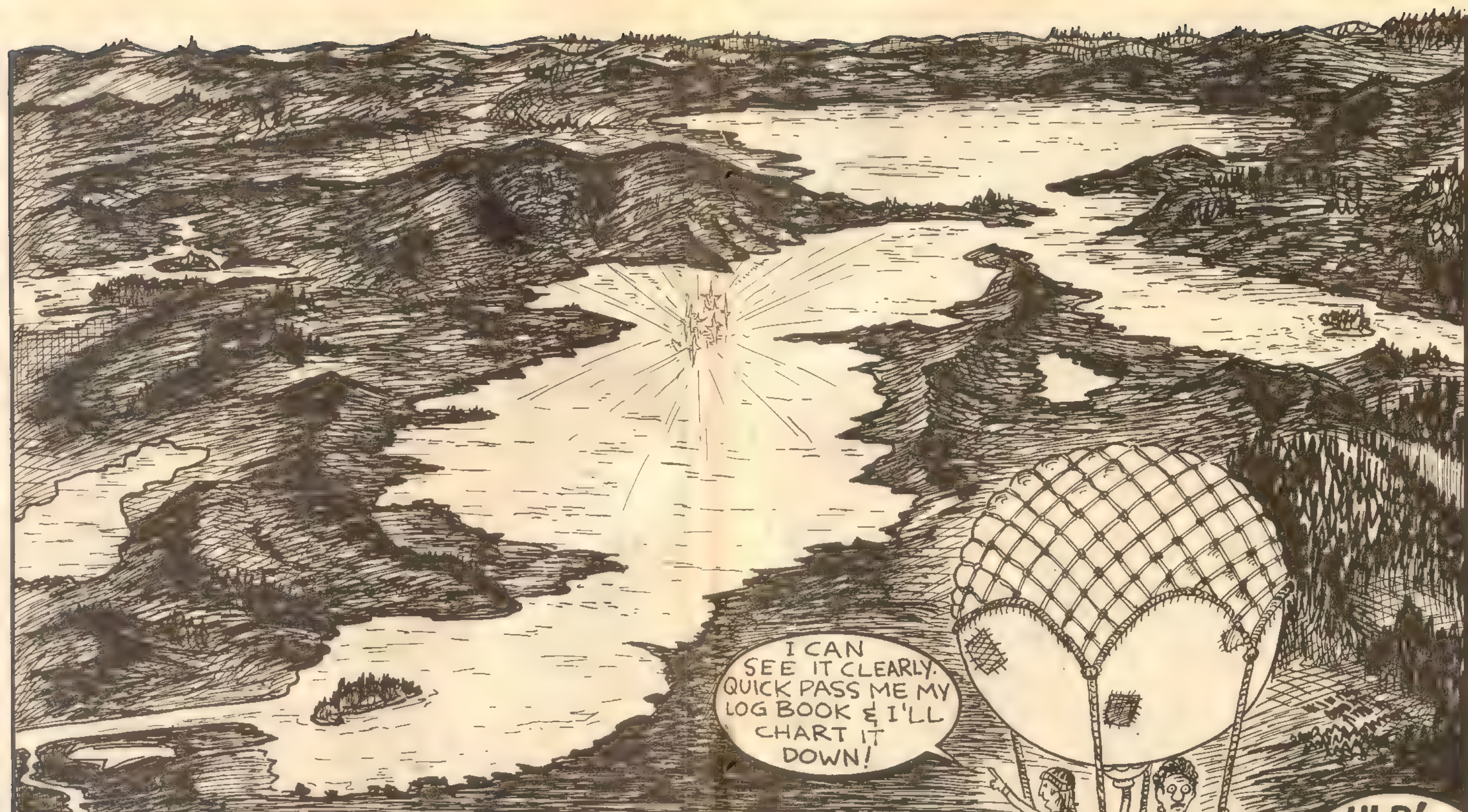


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I CAN
SEE IT CLEARLY.
QUICK PASS ME MY
LOG BOOK & I'LL
CHART IT
DOWN!

THE THRILL OF OUR DISCOVERY WAS SOON OVER-LOOKED, ONCE WE DISCOVERED THE HEATING ELEMENT IN OUR HOT-AIR BLOWER HAD CEASED TO FUNCTION!! LUCKILY WE SPOTTED AN OPEN PASTURE, THE OTHER SIDE OF LOWER LAKE, RIGHT AT THE BASE OF GLASGOW GRADE.



ULP!
I THINK WE
ARE IN A BIT
OF A PICKLE!
THIS THING IS
BLOWING OUT
COOL AIR!!

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FAMILY FUN, JUST A FEW HOURS AWAY!
WHY NOT JOIN US



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GET INTO
A GOOD
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LARGEST BOOK
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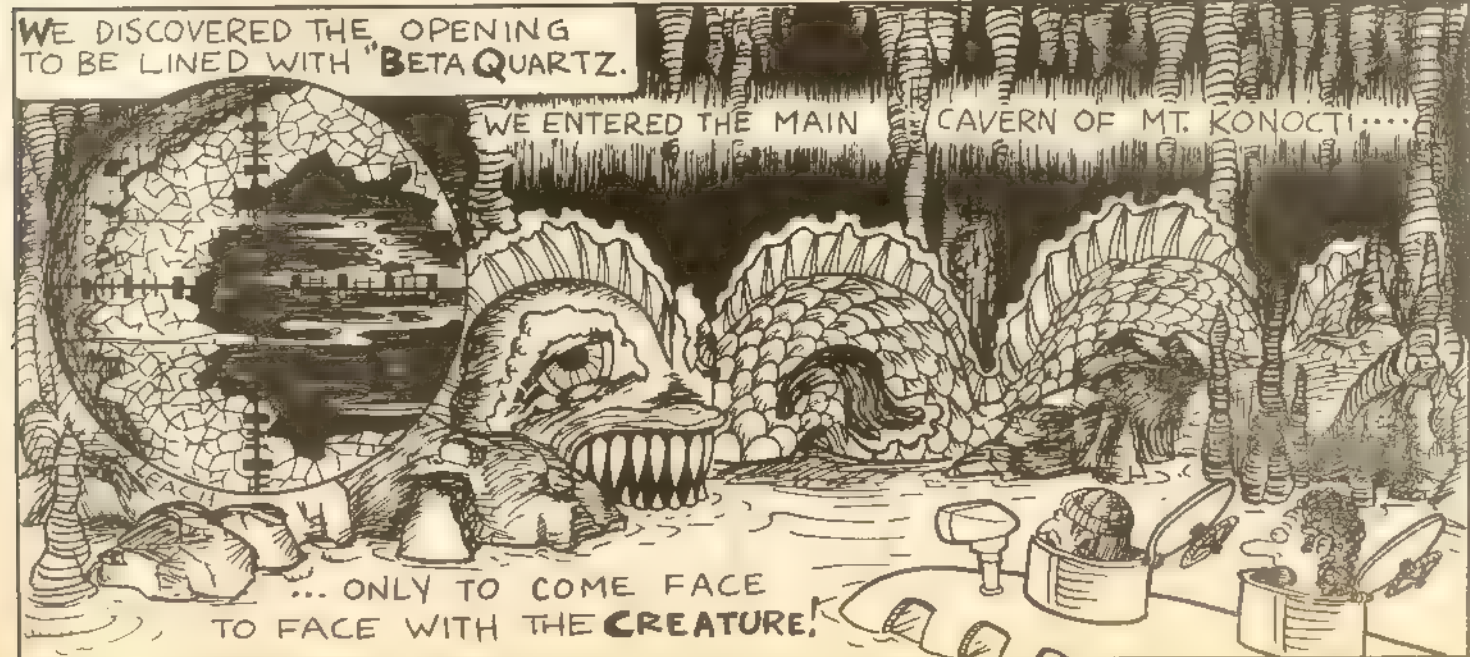
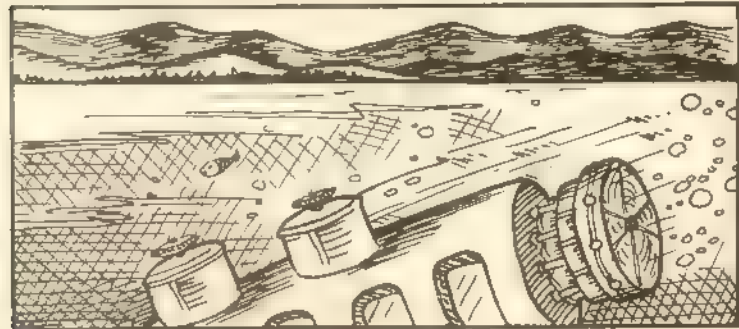
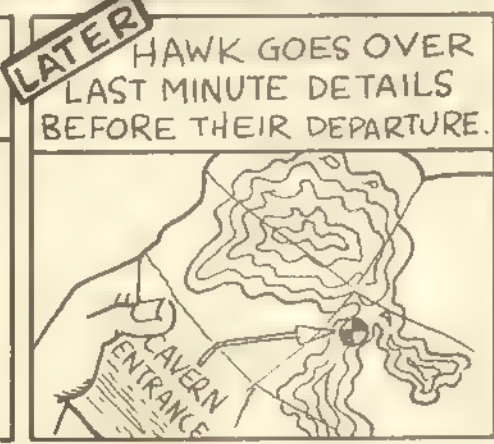
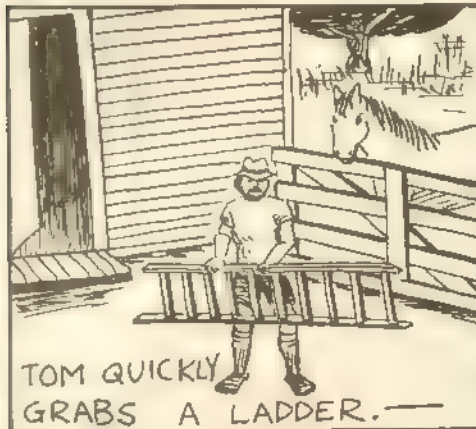
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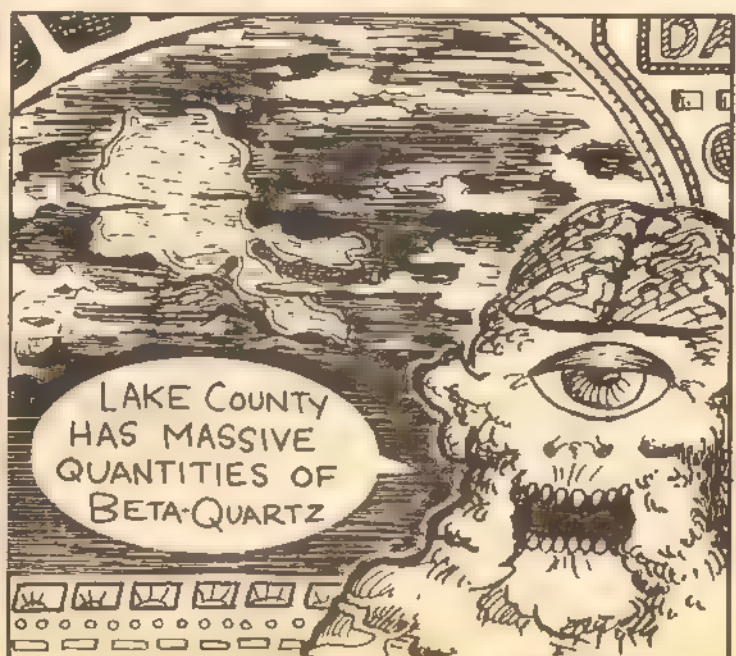
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DEEP IN THE BLACK VOID OF SPACE A "UNOPTIAN" VESSEL FROM EARTH'S SISTER PLANET - **UNOP** - DISCOVERS THAT THE SOLAR CONDENSER UNIT IN THEIR MAIN ENGINE IS AT AN EXTREMELY DANGEROUS TEMPERATURE - **BETA QUARTZ CRYSTALS** ARE THE SOLUTION!!!



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IS INEVITABLE
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ABLE TO REACH
EARTH!!

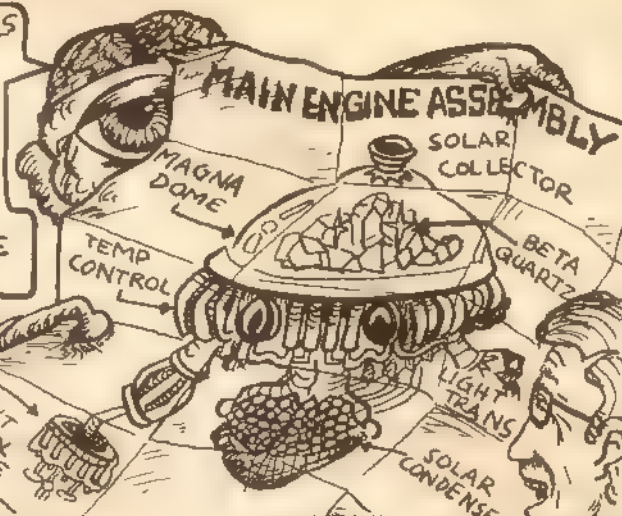


LAKE COUNTY
HAS MASSIVE
QUANTITIES OF
BETA-QUARTZ



THIS UNIT RUNS ON THE SUN'S RAYS- WHICH ARE COLLECTED IN THE MAGNADOME. THE MAGNIFIED SOLAR RAYS ARE THEN PROJECTED THROUGH THE CRYSTALS INTO THE LIGHT TRANSMITTER.

IF DIAMOND CRYSTALS WERE USED, THE GREATER REFRACTIVE INDEX WOULD CAUSE AN IMMEDIATE RISE IN TEMPERATURE RESULTING IN A MELT-DOWN! YOU DIG?



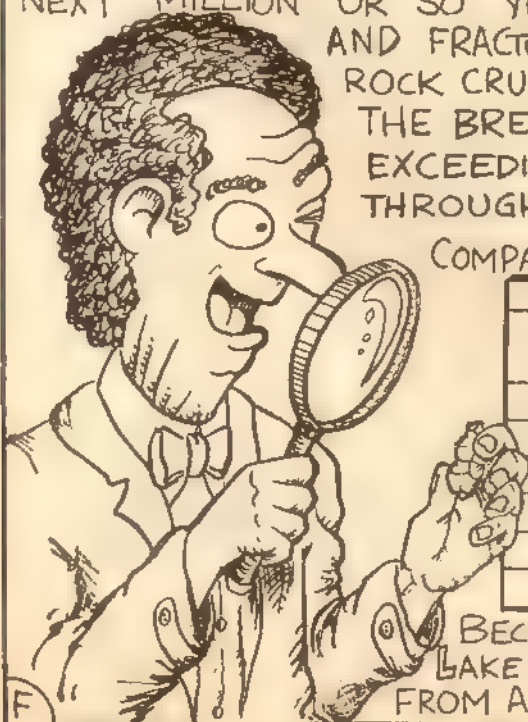
HAY HO- DR. BULBOUS HERE WITH LAKE COUNTY DIAMOND FACTS!

BETA QUARTZ CRYSTALS, GENERICALLY CALLED LAKE COUNTY DIAMONDS ARE A GEOLOGICAL FREAK OF NATURE. BY DEFINITION, BESALT FLOWS FROM THE FRANCISCAN GROUP ARE VERY LOW IN SILICA. THIS AXIOM HOLDS TRUE EXCEPT IN TWO DISTINCT LOCATIONS IT **DOESN'T** APPLY. BESALT IN THE **PERINI HILL, COBB MT. AREA** IS GREY IN COLOR & GENEROUSLY ENDOWED WITH CRYSTALS. IN THE MT. KONOCTI AREA THE BESALT IS PINK AND THE CRYSTALS ARE SMALLER. DURING THE PERIOD OF VOLCANISM, MAGMA FLOWED MASSIVELY OVER MUCH OF **LAKE COUNTY**. WHEN THE BESALT BEGAN TO COOL, THE SILICA PRECIPITATED AT A HIGHER TEMP. THAN THE BESALT, & SO WAS HELD IN VUGS IN THE ROCK. CONTAINED IN THE HOT COOLING ROCK, THE SILICA WAS SUBJECTED TO ENORMOUS PRESSURES. CRYSTALIZATION OCCURED WHILE THE ROCK WAS NO LESS THAN 1112°F. **DUE TO THIS HEAT & PRESSURE**, THE CRYSTALS WERE OF A RARE OPTICAL QUALITY. DURING THE NEXT MILLION OR SO YEARS, CONTINUING PYROCLASTIC ACTION ABRADED AND FRACTURED THE **LAVA FLOWS**, SO THAT THE HARD ROCK CRUMBLLED. **WIND, RAIN & FREEZING COLD** AIDED THE BREAKING DOWN OF THE BESALT. CRYSTALS IN EXCEEDING NUMBERS WERE FREED AND SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE HILLS & CREEKBEDS.

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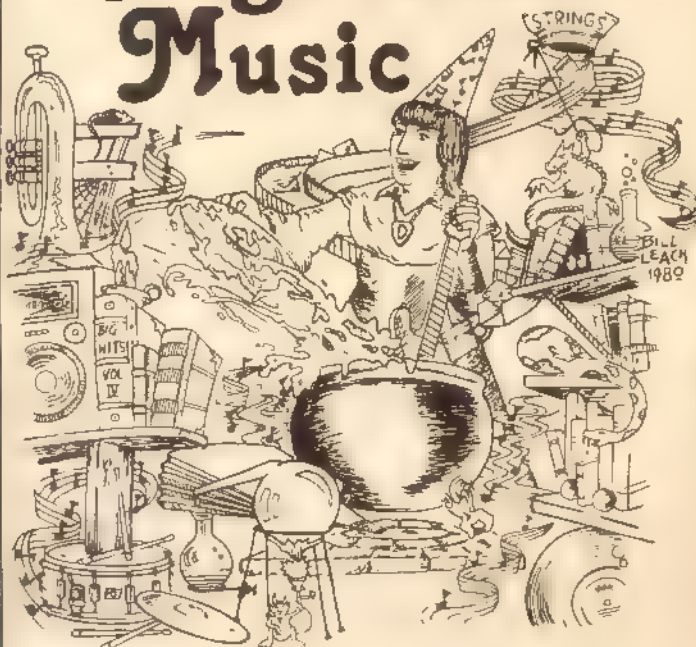
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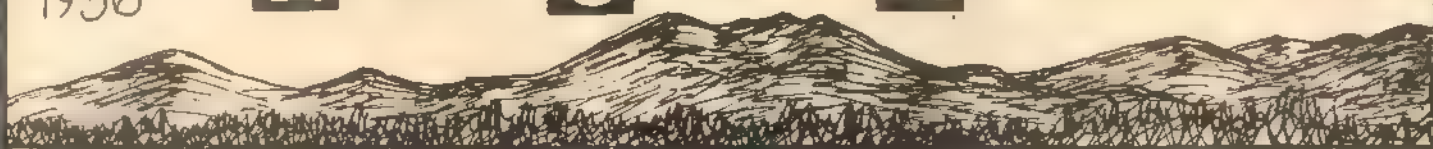
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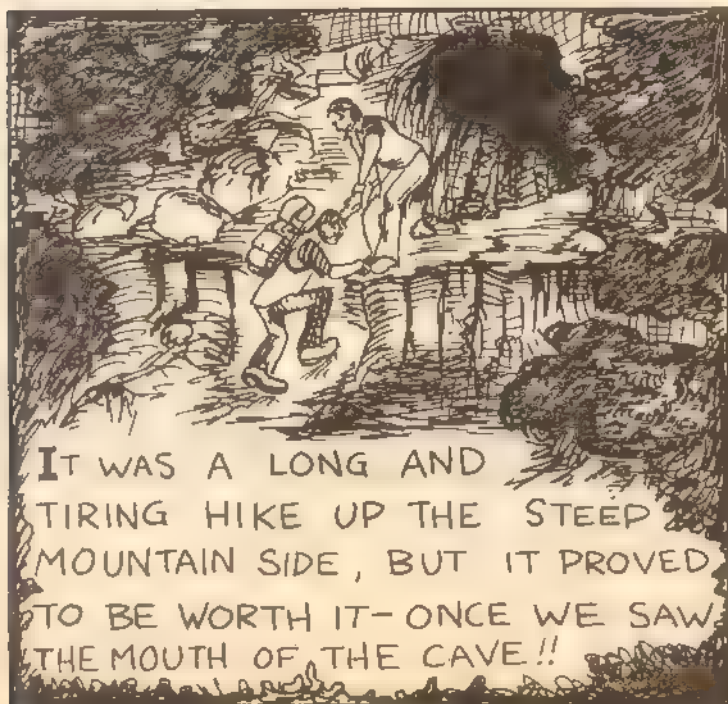


BILL AND BARRY NEVER DREAMED THEY WOULD ACTUALLY MEET THE "CREATURE FROM CLEARLAKE!" UNTIL ONE DAY THEY MET A CRAZED WANDERER-NAMED ERIC. HE TOLD THEM OF A RECLUSE CAVERN DWELLER. THIS LED TO A CHAIN OF EVENTS WHICH EVENTUALLY UNVEILED THE....



A FANTASY
EXPERIENCED
BY BILL LEACH &
BARRY
CUNNINGHAM

MYSTIC SECRETS OF THE CREATURE

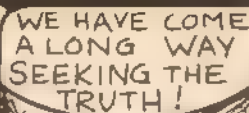


IT WAS A LONG AND
TIRING HIKE UP THE STEEP
MOUNTAIN SIDE, BUT IT PROVED
TO BE WORTH IT-ONCE WE SAW
THE MOUTH OF THE CAVE!!

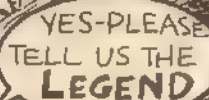


THROUGH THE
SMOKEY GLOW
WE GAZED
IN FASINATION
AT....

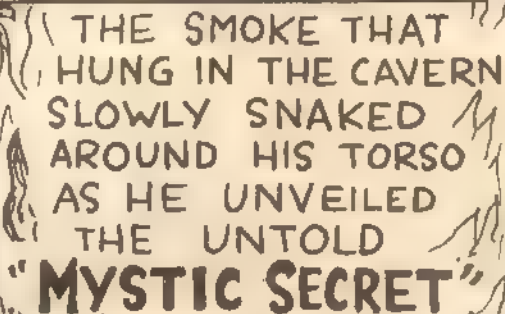
....THE ANCIENT MYSTIC-OLD SILVERSIDES!



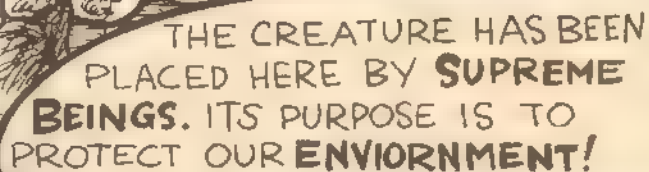
WE HAVE COME
A LONG WAY
SEEKING THE
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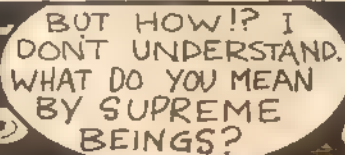
YES-PLEASE
TELL US THE
LEGEND



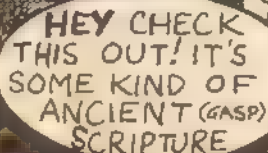
THE SMOKE THAT
HUNG IN THE CAVERN
SLOWLY SNAKED
AROUND HIS TORSO
AS HE UNVEILED
THE UNTOLD
"MYSTIC SECRET"



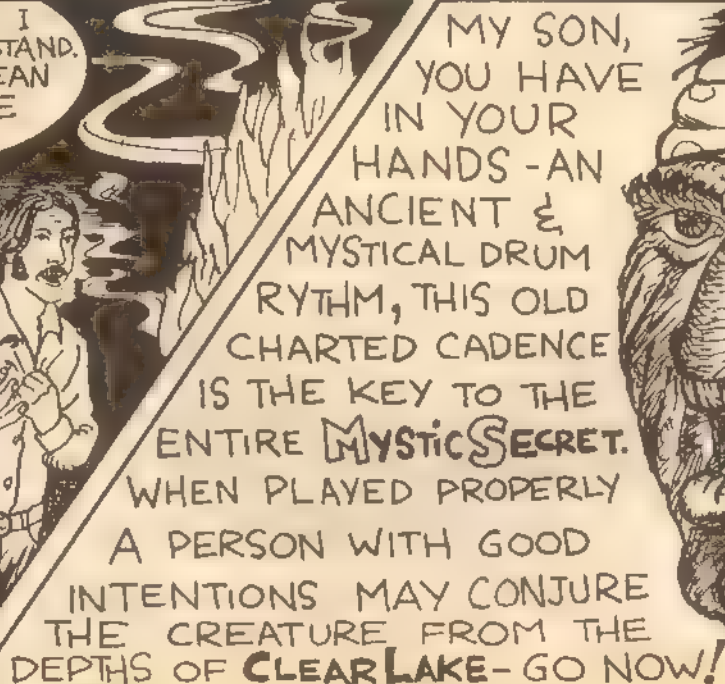
THE CREATURE HAS BEEN
PLACED HERE BY **SUPREME**
BEINGS. ITS PURPOSE IS TO
PROTECT OUR **ENVIORNMENT!**



BUT HOW!? I
DONT UNDERSTAND.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN
BY SUPREME
BEINGS?



HEY CHECK
THIS OUT! IT'S
SOME KIND OF
ANCIENT (GASP)
SCRIPTURE

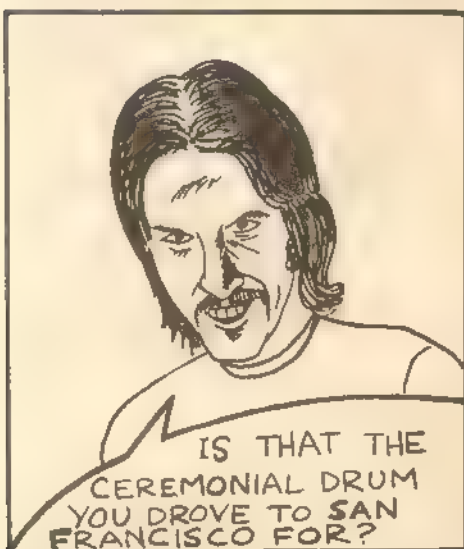
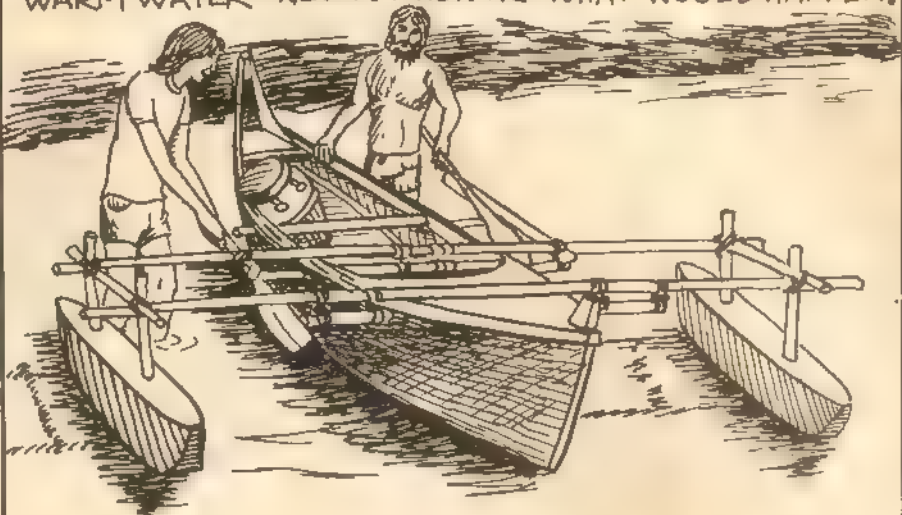


MY SON,
YOU HAVE
IN YOUR
HANDS -AN
ANCIENT &
MYSTICAL DRUM
RYTHM, THIS OLD
CHARTED CADENCE
IS THE KEY TO THE
ENTIRE **MYSTIC SECRET**.
WHEN PLAYED PROPERLY
A PERSON WITH GOOD
INTENTIONS MAY CONJURE
THE CREATURE FROM THE
DEPTHS OF **CLEAR LAKE**- GO NOW!

THAT NIGHT-BILL & BARRY DISCUSSED THE PECULIAR INCIDENT.

THEY BOTH AGREED IT WOULDN'T HURT TO AT LEAST TRY THE "MYSTIC RYTHM"
--LATER THAT WEEK--
THEY BEGAN THEIR STRANGE VENTURE!

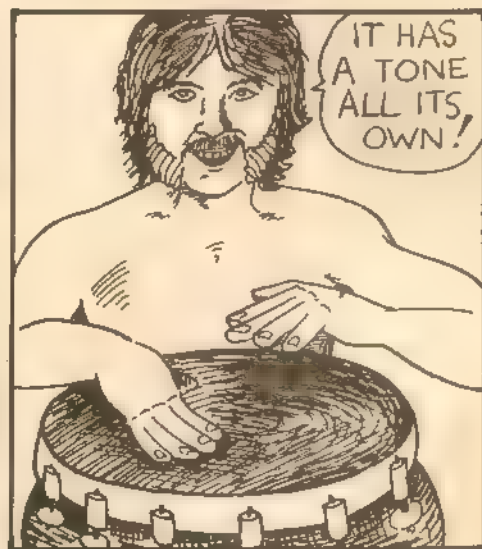
THEY WADED THE 16 FOOT OUT-RIGGER INTO THE WARM WATER-NEVER KNOWING WHAT WOULD HAPPEN!



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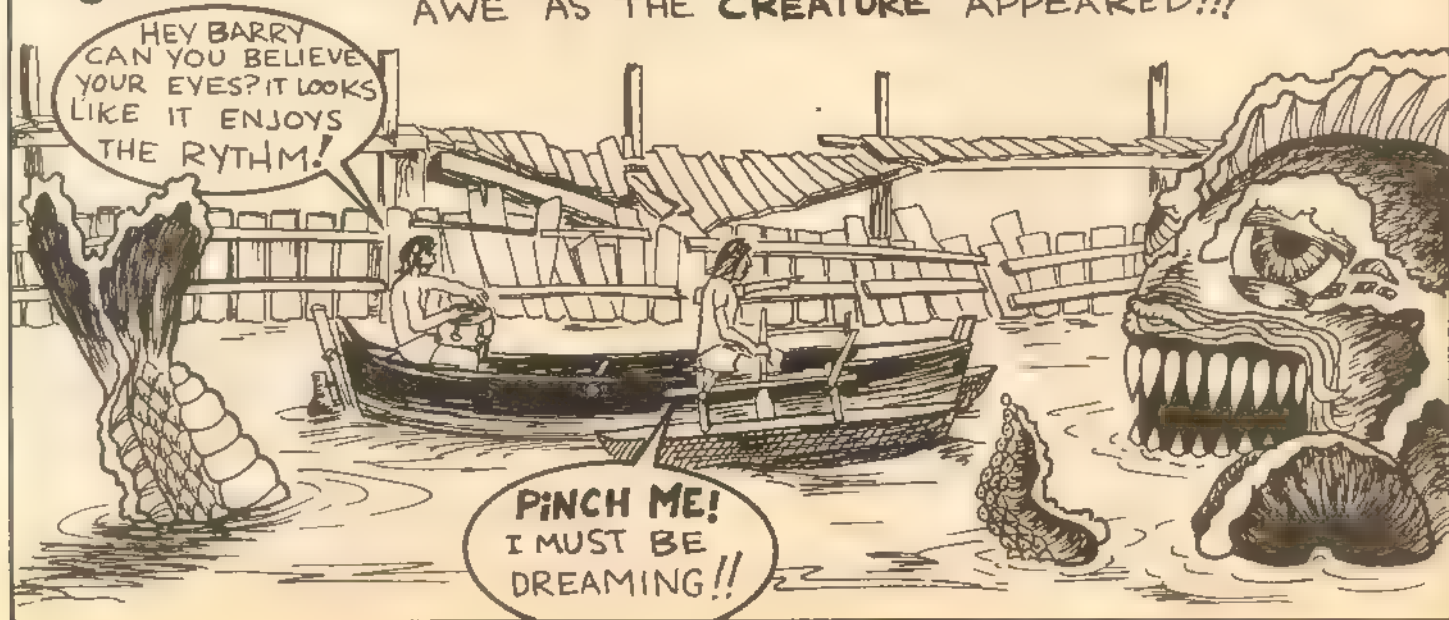


IT SURE IS!! LISTEN TO THE SOUND THAT IT HAS!



IT HAS A TONE ALL ITS OWN!

SOON AFTER BILL BEGAN THE RYTHM-THEY STARED IN AWE AS THE CREATURE APPEARED!!!



HEY BARRY CAN YOU BELIEVE YOUR EYES? IT LOOKS LIKE IT ENJOYS THE RYTHM!

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I MUST BE DREAMING!!

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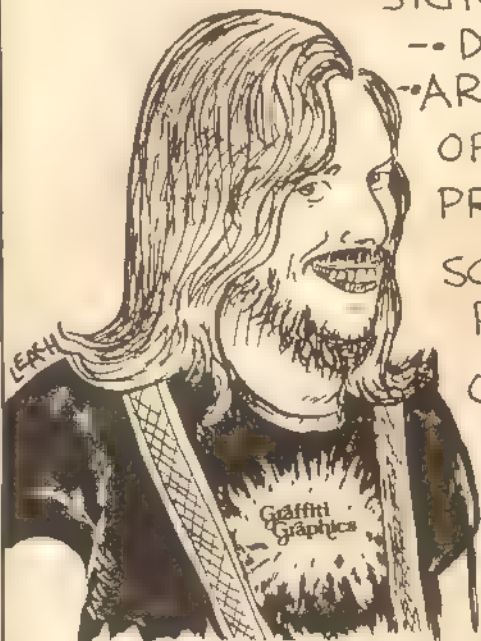
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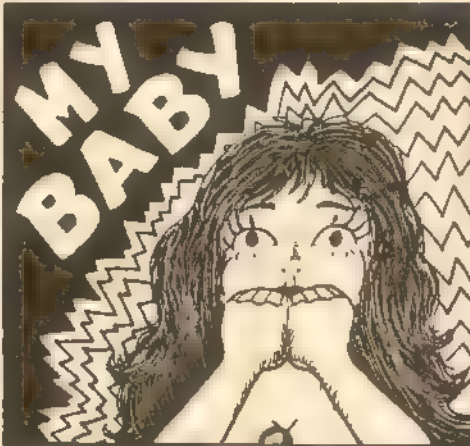
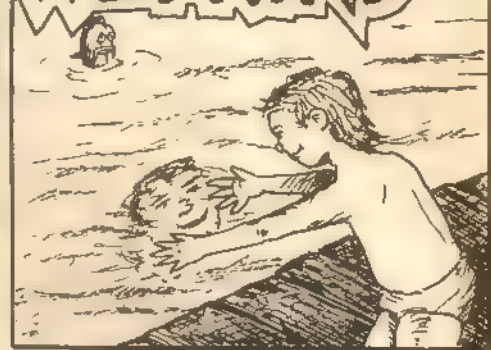
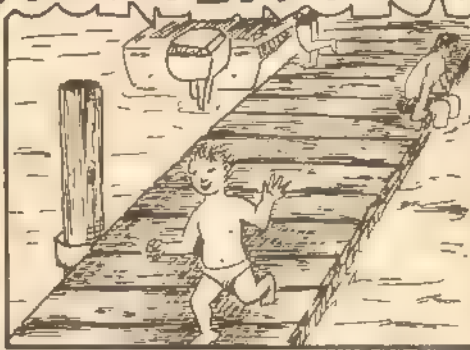
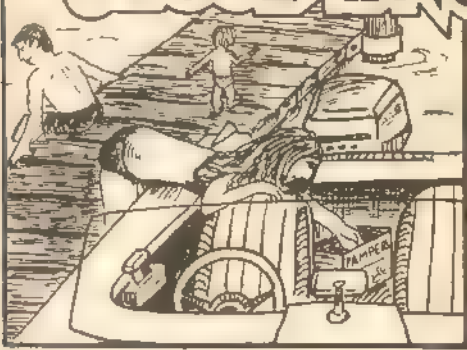
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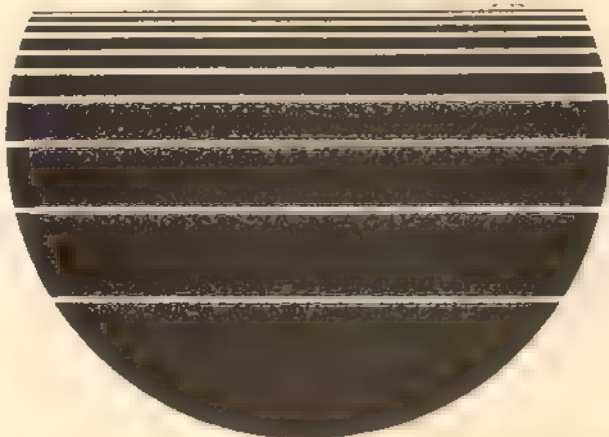
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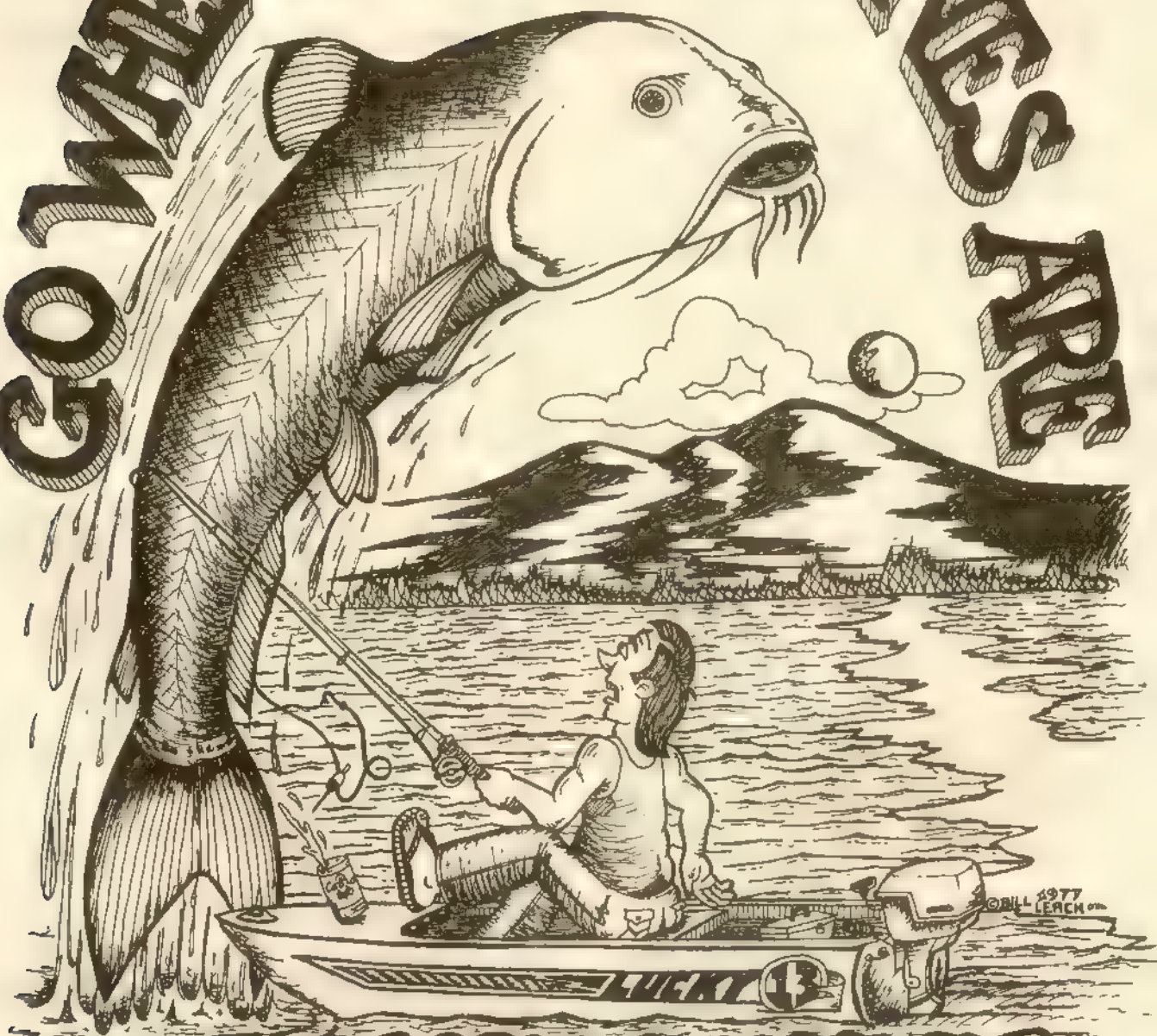
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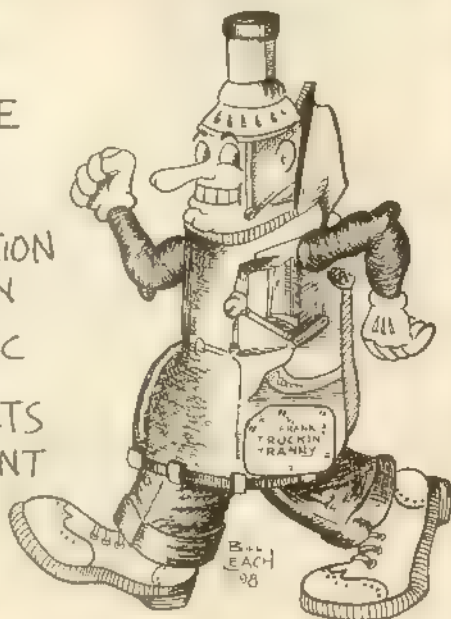
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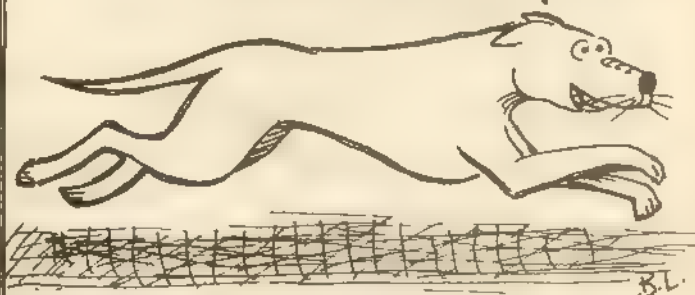


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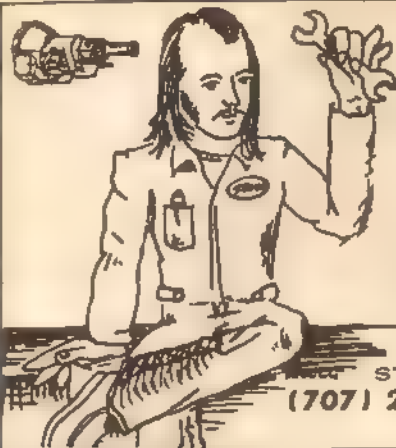
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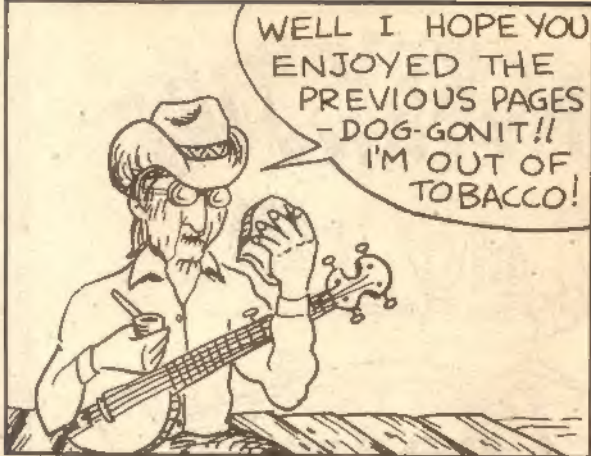
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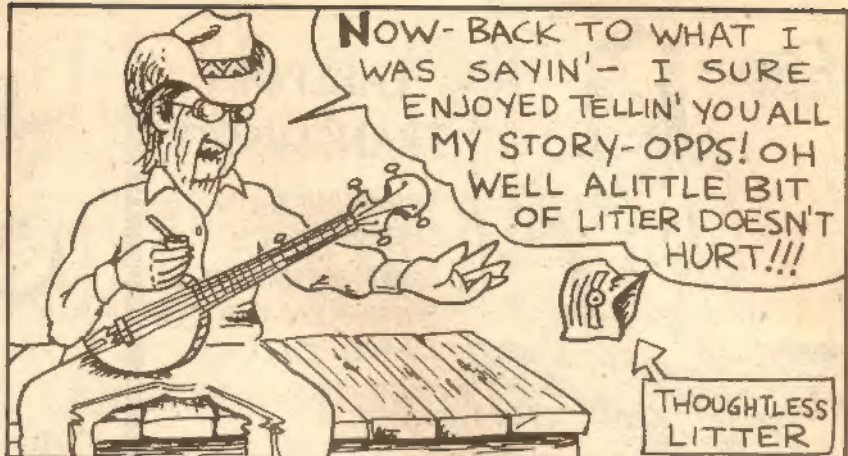


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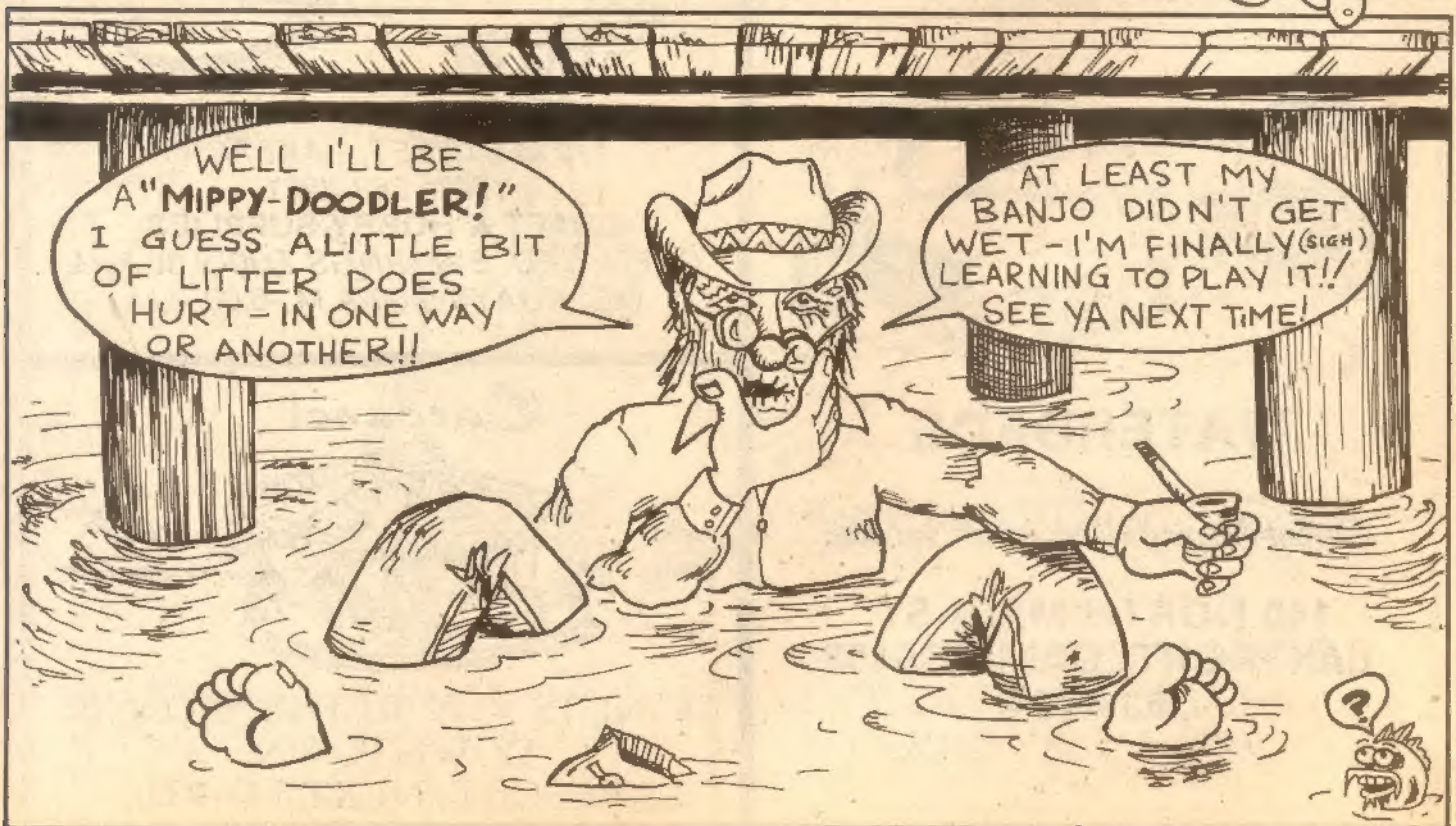


NOW-BACK TO WHAT I
WAS SAYIN'- I SURE
ENJOYED TELLIN' YOU ALL
MY STORY-OPPS! OH
WELL ALITTLE BIT
OF LITTER DOESN'T
HURT!!!



WELL I'LL BE
A "MIPPY-DOODLER!"
I GUESS ALITTLE BIT
OF LITTER DOES
HURT-IN ONE WAY
OR ANOTHER!!

AT LEAST MY
BANJO DIDN'T GET
WET - I'M FINALLY (SIGH)
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